

**MINUTES OF THE  
CENTRAL ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 21, 2008**

**Apache Junction Parks & Recreation Conference Center  
1001 N. Idaho Road; Apache Junction, AZ 85219**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Yanet Ochoa, Apache Junction  
\*Dianne Kresich, ADOT  
Alton Bruce, Coolidge  
Mark Thompson, Florence  
\*Phil Bolduc, Queen Creek  
Shawny Ekadis, Queen Creek  
\*Rachelle Sanchez, Mammoth  
\*Richard Wilkie, Casa Grande  
\*Chris Collopy, Globe  
Evonne Hernandez, Globe  
\*Belinda Cota, Eloy  
\*Joe Blanton, Eloy  
Robert Gould, Gila County  
Louis Felix, Pinal County  
Sarah Luckie, Star Valley  
\*Rick Miller, Chair  
\*Paul Jepson, Maricopa  
\*Sue Laybourn, Coolidge  
\*Gary Eide, Kearny  
\*Robert Mawson, Miami  
\*Ray Erlandsen, Vice Chair  
\*Bob Lorena, Hayden  
\*Sylvia Kerlock, Winkelman

*\* Member not in attendance*

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Baker, Florence  
Teri Kennedy, ADOT  
Leila Demaree, Casa Grande  
Angela Gotto, CAAG  
Drew Ardary, CAAG  
Samantha Yates, CAAG

Mike McCauley, Queen Creek  
J. Peter Armenta, CAAG  
Jack Tomasik, CAAG  
Travis Ashbaugh, CAAG  
Randy Simms, CAAG

- I. **Call To Order**  
The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Ray Erlandsen at 10:04am
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call & Introductions**  
Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established.

IV. **Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2008**

Minute approval was tabled until the next meeting.

V. **New Business**

*A. New employee, Drew Ardary, Introduction*

Mr. Tomasik introduced the CAAG Planning department's new employee, Andrew 'Drew' Ardary. Drew joined CAAG in August and has six years planning experience. Some of his work included Georgetown Kentucky and the city of Phoenix.

*B. Census 2010*

Mr. Ashbaugh asked the members to give an update on the Complete Count Committee. Some member agencies have already formed their committee, others are taking it to their board for review, but are in the process of appointing their committees. Mr. Ashbaugh asked the members what CAAG can do for them during this process and also asked them to provide information on what role they want CAAG to play in this process. He also talked about PSAP and let members know that there are going to be more detailed information about blocks in upcoming workshops. The workshops will be held for Pinal County only.

*C. State Population Estimates – CAAG 2008 Population Estimates*

Mr. Tomasik informed the committee about the Department of Economic Security transferring all research out of its department and into the Department of Commerce. ADEPT is holding meetings that will designate the roles of state agencies, COGs and address concerns of the members. The meetings will continue and a new executive order will be drafted.

Mr. Tomasik also informed the committee that population was going to be approved by the state on September 15<sup>th</sup> and that the next state projections wouldn't be released until 2012. He also informed the committee that Travis Ashbaugh will be taking over his role at the State POPTAC.

*D. Database Update Activity*

Mr. Tomasik spoke about CAAG's contract with MAG to help with budget constraints. CAAG will be working to update the transportation network for Pinal County that falls within MAG's transportation planning network. He also spoke about upcoming Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) reviews and how these are important because they will affect projections.

Mr. Tomasik informed the committee that existing land use will start when CAAG receives the imagery from Aerials express. He also stated that CAAG was going to begin reviewing development project start years with the member agencies.

*E. Pinal Projections Study – Summary of completed work, recent activity, project schedule*

Mr. Tomasik explained to the committee that CAAG is doing a Population Projections study for Pinal County because there are questionable projections by the state. ADOT funded the projections study.

Mr. Tomasik also explained that the Pinal County market area boundaries would be used for total population within the county. It will be sent to members for review and then taken to Regional Council for approval. These will become the official CAAG Population estimates. After they are approved by Regional Council, the numbers will be allocated to Regional Analysis Zones (RAZ)

population, TAZ population and Municipal Planning Area population. Those numbers will also be approved by Regional Council and used in the CAAG region as official population numbers for transportation studies and other studies.

*F. EDA Employment Center Study*

Mr. Tomasik informed the committee that CAAG is currently doing an employment center study. The planning department has a data and analysis role. Data collection will carry through October and will end with an economic development asset inventory.

*G. Member Agency Activities FY09*

Mr. Tomasik asked the member agencies to discuss the activities going on in their cities. This included Pinal County's 60 day review of their updated Comprehensive Plan, Payson's 60 Day Major Amendment review, Florence's plans for a Hospital, approval of their Open Space, Parks & Trails plan and a Transit feasibility study.

VI. **Date, Time, Location of next meeting**

The next CAAG POPTAC meeting will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The meeting will be held at the Apache Junction Parks & Recreation Conference center.

VII. **Call To The Public**

No one answered the Call to the Public

VIII. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mark Thompson, seconded by Yanet Ochoa. Meeting adjourned at 11:51am.